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Applicant : Operowsky, *et al.*
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

MAILSTOP PETITION
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action (the "Office Action") mailed August 26, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this submission.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this submission.

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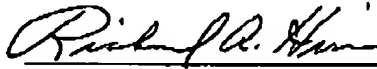
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